

## MOMENTS OF GOETHE.

story of the deathbed of Goethe is a striking picture of fortitude, calm and intellectual activity in the chilling dews of death. The emotion is gathered from a letter written on March 23, 1832, the day after Goethe's death, by Fraulein Louise, an art student and close friend of the poet's family. On the day before his dissolution, with an coldness taking possession of him the death rattle beginning to be audible, Goethe, with his charming daughter-in-law by his side, would talk nothing but his pet theory of color, the treaty of Basle, of his desire that the children should go to the theater of his plans for the near future. Sleep did not come with the night, called for a newly published volume of history, and covered his inability to read it with a joke. Even at 7 o'clock the next morning, just three and a half hours before he died, he sat at a portfolio to talk optics and setting himself to classify some papers when the last agony seized him. He then lay motionless, notwithstanding its violence, till respiration ceased and the heart stood still.—London Globe.

### How to Handle Your Horse.

Decision should never in handling horses be confounded with unwise determination to have things your way. In this application it means the faculty of doing the right thing at the right instant and may be cultivated by frequent practice with all sorts of horses, and of course no hands were ever developed by handling any one animal or any one kind of a horse. It is decision that gives the hand the moment the horse yields; that uses the roughest methods at a pinch, for hands are by no means always delicate of touch; that frustrates the most determined attempts of kicker, rearer or bolter; that picks the best road; that makes the animal carry himself to the best advantage for the purpose of the moment. Decision is very close to intuition in effect. Decision dominates the situation at many critical moments, and the horse is quick to discern and to presume upon its absence. There is no such thing as a safe partnership with a horse. You must be the master or he will be, to your certain future discomfiture.—F. M. Ware in Outing Magazine.

### Big Benefits at London Theaters.

Betterton, in 1709, when his salary was £4 a week, had a benefit and received £76 as his share of the receipts and £450 in the shape of donations. The biggest benefit performances of modern times have taken place at Drury Lane. That for Ben Webster, held in March, 1874, realized £2,000; the profit on the Buckstone celebration, in June, 1876, was £1,200; for the Nellie Farren benefit performance, in March, 1898, there was obtained £7,200, though half of this amount was secured from private donations, which flowed in when it was known that the Messrs. Rothschild had volunteered to invest what sum was realized, give the popular comedienne an annuity and, on her death, grant the theatrical charities half of the capital.—London Chronicle.

### Why Larks Are Easily Caught.

No bird is so easily netted as the lark; he generally starts from the ground just before the lower edge of the net touches him and invariably mounts perpendicularly. This characteristic propensity to ascend at once may be observed by any person who "treads up" a lark in a field and satisfactorily illustrated by releasing, at the same moment, a newly captured lark and a sparrow from a cage or net within the precincts of a room. While the sparrow will fly off horizontally, dash himself against the window and lie almost stunned from the shock, the lark will almost always mount upward to the ceiling and flutter there for a time in vain efforts to reach the sky before he attempts any other mode of exit; but this habit is fatal to him in the netting season. He would generally be able to escape, as indeed the bunting or clod bird, the sparrow and the linnet constantly do, by flying straight forward; but ascending, as he does, directly from the ground the moment his wings have touched the upper part of the net it is suffered to drop suddenly, and his capture is rendered inevitable.—London Standard.

### An Incident of Life in New York.

The street beggar with pockets lined with money is a fairly familiar figure of city life, but one of the free dispensaries reports an instance of an attempt to get free medicine on the plea of poverty that deserves a place in the catalogue of good stories of graft. A middle aged woman appeared the other day and got a prescription, after which she took her place in the line of persons waiting to have their medicine made up by the apothecary. This particular woman, it should be said, had given satisfactory answers to all the questions put to her designed to show whether she was a proper subject for charity. Suddenly she was asked: "What is your name?"

"I'm robbed!" The victim was this woman, who so far forgot her previous professions as to assert that her pocket had been picked and that the thief had got away with \$90. Then she lost the opportunity to get free medicine, thus adding, in her view, insult to injury.—New York Post.

### Compromise.

"I have a little granddaughter," said a senator, "who is very fond of animals, especially dogs. Her mother has taught her to pronounce the word until it sounds like dahg. Her father sticks to the good old fashioned dawg, so the child has compromised, and now every canine is a dahg-dawg."

### Peevishness.

Peevishness may be considered the canker of life that destroys its vigor and checks its improvement; that creeps on with hourly depredations and taints and vitiates what it cannot consume.—Johnson.

### Probably.

Probably a woman would be a bride to her husband longer if she should continue making company of him. Most women begin to save their jam for visitors when they have been married three months.

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